

RENAMING THE NEW RICHMOND LOCKS AND DAM IN  
THE STATE OF OHIO AS THE CAPTAIN ANTHONY  
MELDAHL LOCKS AND DAM

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Mr. KERR, from the Committee on Public Works, submitted the following

## R E P O R T

[To accompany H.R. 904]

The Committee on Public Works to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 904) to rename the New Richmond locks and dam in the State of Ohio as the Captain Anthony Meldahl locks and dam, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this bill is to designate the locks and dam to be constructed on the Ohio River near Chilo, Ohio, and Foster, Ky., as the Captain Anthony Meldahl locks and dam, and any law, regulation, map, document, or record of the United States in which such locks and dam is referred to under any other name or designation shall be held to refer to such locks and dam as the Captain Anthony Meldahl locks and dam.

## GENERAL STATEMENT

The New Richmond locks and dam is under construction by the Corps of Engineers on the Ohio River 436.2 miles below Pittsburgh, Pa., near Chilo, Ohio, and about 13 miles upstream from New Richmond, Ohio. It is one of the projects authorized for modernization of the Ohio River canalization navigation project, and will replace the existing obsolete locks and dams Nos. 31, 32, 33, and 34, with one modern structure having a lift of 30 feet and with two locks 110 feet by 600 feet, and 110 feet by 1,200 feet, to accommodate the increasing volume of traffic. The dam will provide a pool with a minimum depth of 9 feet extending from the dam about 95 miles upstream to Greenup locks and dam which is now also under construction.

The New Richmond locks and dam, in conjunction with Greenup and Markland locks and dams now under construction will complete modernization of the highly important middle reach, which is the busiest on the Ohio River and one of the busiest on the entire inland waterway system, with a record high of over 76 million tons moving on the Ohio River in 1956. The estimated cost of the New Richmond project is \$76,600,000. Construction is scheduled for completion in 1963.

Capt. Anthony Meldahl was born at Parkersburg, W. Va., on July 26, 1855. His association with steamboats began at an early age, and during a half century of active river experience he served on or commanded many of the best steamboats in the Pittsburgh-Cincinnati trade, and became known as one of the leading masters and pilots on the Ohio River. From 1916 until his death in 1923 he served as master of the steamer *Cayuga*. The place of his burial is at Neville, Ohio, near the site of the New Richmond locks and dam.

Local interests desire to change the name of the New Richmond locks and dam to the Capt. Anthony Meldahl locks and dam. The Federal agencies have no objection to enactment of this legislation. H.R. 904 was introduced by Representative Polk of Ohio.

The committee recommends enactment of this legislation in the belief that designation of this project in Captain Meldahl's name might well be considered as a tribute to all the men who served on the Ohio River, particularly to the many fine pilots that Captain Meldahl trained and served with, and who helped in the development of our inland waterway svstem.

